

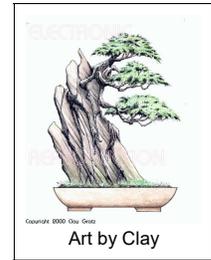
# BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

November 2017

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Club meeting location is at the Community Center in Whispering Pines Park, Inverness, FL. The Club meeting is held on the 4th Saturday of every month starting at 9:30 a.m.

Our October meeting had 17 in attendance.

The Club has \$2,054.00 in our Treasury. Clay asked if the Club would consider buying club logo pins. Pins could be given to each member, new members and maybe some other uses. Some months ago I contacted Levy Marketing + Awards and got these costs. LMA still has our design and their quote does not include a set up cost. I did not ask them to change the "Crystal River Florida" across the bottom. Quotes are; for 25 pins = \$331.25, for 50 pins = \$400.00 and for 100 pins = \$484.00. I'm going to check with a few more companies and get theei prices. Maybe we can afford to buy some pins.



Rosemary made several new nametags. Please check the black box on the table at the next meeting for your nametag. Recent members may not have a nametag yet. Rosemary may be bring more new nametags next meeting. Please let Roemary or myself know if you do not have a nametag.

Clay checked with Millie at the Crystal River Mall about changing our show from March to April. April is a much better month for our trees as they will be growing after the winter hybernation. We can couple with the farmer's market if we want to SELL bonsai. The Farmers Market charges \$25.00 for the sellers table. In the past we have gotten our show tables for free from the mall. Clay will check to see if we can setup show tables next to our Farmers Market tables. Perhaps those club members who sell would pay the Farmers Market cost (\$25.00) rather than the club. Clay will be talking with the Farmers Market coordinator and probably have an update at the December meeting. Participation in the Crystal River Mall show and Farmers Market will be April 14th.

**SHOW & TELL:** We had a great show and tell. Darwin had a 12 year old serissa that he got from our October program speaker, Tom Brantley. Clay brought in a mystery tree. It looks like a mimosa tree but the conscience was that its not. He went away from the meeting without knowing what kind of tree he had. Galina Ballinger had a powder puff tree. Jeanette Bare had royal poincianas in a large, bowl shaped pot.

For our October program, Tom Brantley demonstated a very comprehensive making of a forest grouping. He used narrow leaf ficus (ficus nerifolia). He explained that in bonsai there are a lot of rules, but even the most revered bonsai artist will "break the rules" and we should do what pleases us. It was an excellent beginner demonstration and very interesting to the experienced members, too. Thanks Tom, great presentation.

Everybody, get ready for the November 25 club meeting, its going to be our BIG sale. The sale will be our November program. If you have bonsai related items to sell or are interested in buying make sure to attend the November 25 meeting. We held this sale three years ago and it was a big success. Sellers remember, 10% of each sale goes to the club. I've listed our sale in the Citrus County Chronicle. You never know, we may have a very large crowd. Evelyn Stonesifer going to sell an original painting by Crystal River resident Helen Spivey. Bob Eskeitz wants to let know that he is still offering to order tools for members, at the price he pays. If you are interested please contact Bob.

Get ready for winter. If you keep your bonsai trees outside its time to start preparing for cold nights. I usually plan on about 12 nights below 40 degrees between now and mid April. Unfortunately the cold snap the last Sunday night in October caught me by surprise as the night temprature dropped below 40 degrees. I did lose some succulents. Anytime I think the night temperature is going below 40 dregrees I cover and provide heat.

Here is a list of the programs for 2018. If you have a topic you would like presented/discussed let me know and we can set up a program. I need some program leaders for most of the programs. Please let me know if you would consider leading a program. I'll be around asking!

Nov 25 Bonsai related items sale  
Dec 23 Sort of a Christmas party - *Jim*  
Jan 27 How to plan and prepare for the 2018 growing season  
Feb 24 Bald Cypress, trimming and repotting  
Mar 24 Defoliate trees  
Apr 28 Repotting - *Wendy*  
May 26 Miniatures - *Clay*  
Jun 23 Workshop topic TBD  
Jul 28 Raft styling trees - *Bob*  
Aug 25 Air layering  
Sept 22  
Oct 27  
Nov 24  
Dec 22 Christmas party

#### ADDITIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

I would really like to include more info in our Newsletter. Write me (Jim Meister)

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#### Classifieds

One free ad pertaining to plants, books, bonsai, etc. will be allowed for each active club member per issue. Contact Jim Meister (352) 586-0582.

Bonsai tools for sale; Shears, concave cutters, wire cutters, knob cutters and others.  
Contact Bob Eskeitz for information and prices. (352) 587-4215 or [bonsaibobs@hotmail.com](mailto:bonsaibobs@hotmail.com).